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308 Division

- a. The 102 Regiment left Mo Son Mountain (sic) on 17 February for Rocher de Notre Dame (sic).
- b. The 36 Regiment was at Thanh Son on 16 February.
2. The 555 Battalion, 351 Division, was at Thanh Thuy (105-51; 21-13) on 17 February.
3. 316 Division
 - a. The 175 Regiment was operating in the zone between Lang Tai (sic) and Nam Sach (106- ; 21-) on 15-16 February.
 - b. The 174 Regiment was in the vicinity of Va (105-44; 20-29) and Che (105-30; 20-40) Mountains and along Route 1 in the vicinity of Tu Son (105-42; 20-09) on 19 February. On 21 February it skirmished with Vietnamese forces of Tu Son. The latter group suffered serious losses.
4. The 320 Division has moved slightly north.
 - a. The 52 Regiment moved to Tien Lang (106-36; 20-40) on 16 February to reinforce the Haiphong-Kien An guerrilla units in the Tien Lang area.

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- b. The 64 Regiment moved from the vicinity of Duyen Ha (106-10; 20-32) to Phung Xa (106-19; 20-46) on 18 February to cut Route 17 between Hai Duong and Ninh Giang.
- c. The 48 Regiment moved from Tan Phuong near Thai Binh to Phu Duc south of Ninh Giang on 19 February.
- 5. The 42 Regiment has been operating since 17 February in the Ke Sat region, two kilometers south of Route 5.
- 6. The local Dong Anh 437 Battalion is operating between Phu Lo (105-50; 21-12) and Da Phuc (105-34; 20-26) on Route 3. On 19 February it attacked Phu Lo and destroyed a platoon of French soldiers, killing Captain Benes. On 20 February it attacked again north of Phu Lo.
- 7. The 66 Regiment, 304 Division, formerly along Route 6 has now moved south. On 16 February it attacked east of Tia Post (sic) on the Hanoi-Phu Ly road.
- 8. The 209 Regiment, 312 Division, has moved from Vien Nam Mountain to Ba Vi Mountain.

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Comment. Two rumors are circulating among Communist troops which attempt to explain the movement of the 209 Regiment, 36 Regiment, 102 Regiment and the 555 Battalion away from the Hoa Binh front.

- a. These units will prepare for attacks on Son Tay. The newly formed Black River Regiment has already attacked Bac Phu post.
- b. This movement is a diversion to draw the French from Hoa Binh.

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